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[0002] Creating decorative quilts by hand has become a popular avocation. A typical quilt is comprised of at least two fabric layers which are stacked and stitched together. Generally the quilt is comprised of a "top" layer, a "bottom" or "backing" layer, and an intermediate "batting" layer. The top layer is typically decorative and is produced as a consequence of the creative and artistic effort of the quilt maker. The backing layer is usually simple and aesthetically compatible with the top. The batting layer generally provides bulk and insulation. The specific process of sewing the sandwich of the three planar layers together is generally referred to as "quilting". The quilting process usually consists of forming long continuous patterns of ~~the creative and artistic effort of the quilt maker~~. ~~The backing layer is usually stitches~~ which extend through and secure the top, backing, and batting layers together. Oftentimes stitch patterns are selected which have a decorative quality to enhance the overall aesthetics. A general goal of the quilting process is to produce precise consistent stitches that are closely and uniformly spaced.

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